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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH US AFTER RECENT NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING IN BRUSSELS, MISTRAL (QUAI OFFICE OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS) SAID THAT HE THOUGHT SESSIONS WERE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE IN SEVERAL YEARS. HE ESPECIALLY PRAISED THE SUBSTANCE AND STYLE OF U.S. DEL HEAD WALKER GIVAN. MISTRAL NOTED THAT U.S. AND FRENCH POSITIONS REGARDING MOST AGENDA ITEMS SEEMED TO BE MOVING CLOSER TOGETHER. HE SINGLED OUT SOUTH PACIFIC NWFZ, MASS ANNIHILATION WEAPONS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW AS TOPICS ON WHICH HE CONCLUDED THAT U.S. AND FRENCH HAD ALMOST IDENTICAL VIEWS. MISTRAL UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE THAT FRENCH ATTACH TO THESE NATO MEETINGS, AND SAID THAT FRANCE INTENDS TO CONTINUE TAKING ACTIVE ROLE IN THEM.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VIGOR OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETINGS WAXES AND WANES, WE HAVE BEEN STRUCK OVER PAST TWO YEARS BY REPEATED GOF ENDORSEMENT OF THESE EXPERTS MEETINGS. SINCE GOF DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN MANY MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL FORUMS (E.G., CCD, MBFR), WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP FRENCH ENGAGED IN DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS WHEREVER POSSIBLE. CONSEQUENTLY, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF KEEPING THIS DIALOGUE GOING WITH GOF, WE HOPE THAT STATE, ACDA AND US NATO WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETINGS.

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